

## **Board of Directors Summary**

### **March 11, 2009**

The New Mexico Activities Association Board of Directors took major action today to address member schools' budgetary concerns. The Board meeting was held at The Pit as the 2009 State Basketball Championships entered their second day of play.

The Board of Directors voted to reduce member school assessments by 6% for the 2009-2010 school year and to reformat several state championship events. Their unanimous vote eliminated volleyball state tournament pool play, soccer state tournament pool play, two out of three in the state baseball tournament first round, the double elimination format in the state softball tournament and reduced the tennis state tournament to one week versus two weeks. The state tournament changes will go into effect during the Fall of 2009.

Gary Tripp, NMAA Executive Director, addressed the Board and stated that the championships should be "revamped to save member schools' money." The revamped state championships will help to reduce costs associated with schools competing in NMAA State Championship events.

The Board of Directors also tabled an agenda item that dealt with the reduction of regular season games. The NMAA staff recommended that local school districts handle regular season schedules and game limitations within the NMAA allotted amount.

Other action taken by the Board of Directors included:

The Board declared that Moreno Valley Charter school students would be permitted to practice and travel with Cimarron High School in the sport of Track & Field; however, any points scored by Moreno Valley at a meet would not be counted towards Cimarron High School. Moreno Valley will be eligible for district and state competitions/ awards.

The Board revised the makeup of the Review Committee, which is the first level of appeal, to include current and/or retired superintendents or headmasters of NMAA member schools.

The NMAA will issue an advisory referendum to member schools regarding 8<sup>th</sup> grade participation at the high school level.

The Board approved a revised Alignment and Classification proposal, which will be posted onto the NMAA website tomorrow by noon (March 12, 2009). The newest proposal includes two classifications for the sport of Swimming & Diving. The date of appeals has been changed to June 3.

The Board approved limiting softball games at the sub-varsity level to 1 hour and 45 minutes.

The Board approved revising the method of payment for official's mileage from home group to actual residence.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on June 3.